

The Council consists of six members, all appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from among persons recommended by organizations in the respective groups for three-year terms. Two of the members must represent management in the building and construction industry. Two must represent labor in the building and construction industry and two represent the general public.

The Council is to establish certain standards for hours of work and rates of pay, conditions of employment, and duties of certain public officials under certain contracts and subcontracts for public works in the State. The Council is also to call upon other agencies of State and local government for statistical data and reports (Code 1967, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1969 Supp., Art. 100, secs. 96-107).

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Chairman: Daniel T. Doherty, 1980
J. Franklyn Bourne, 1970; Harold Lee Frankel, 1977; Joseph I. Paper, 1977; Maurice Cardin, 1978; Helen Elizabeth Brown, 1979; William R. Hughes, 1981; G. Howlett Cobourn, 1981.
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The Workmen's Compensation Commission, created by Chapter 800, Acts of 1914 as the State Industrial Accident Commission, received its present name by Chapter 584, Acts of 1957. Under the provisions of Chapter 238, Acts of 1961, the Commission was increased from five to seven members, all of whom must be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The initial appointments of the Chairman and four associate commissioners dated from February 1, 1958, and were for periods of eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve years. The appointments of the two additional commissioners dated from February 1, 1961, and were for two years each. As each term expires, the Governor shall appoint a person to the full term of twelve years, or until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

Like its predecessor, the Commission administers the Workmen's Compensation Law. It hears contested cases and holds hearings throughout the State; it receives reports of accidents and adjudicates claims for compensation arising under the law; and it investigates companies and firms which fail to carry insurance under the terms of the Act. The Chairman sits on the trial of cases when his administrative and executive functions permit (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 101, secs. 1, 2, 5, 16, 38-40).

In recent years, the General Assembly has made many important changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act. Among the most important have been acts increasing maximum temporary disability payments to \$55.00 weekly; increasing maximum permanent total disability payments to \$55.00 weekly; and increasing the maximum total payable for total disability to \$30,000. Other laws have broadened the law in hernia cases; established a broad form of a Subsequent Injury Fund; and removed limitations on payments of medical expenses. In 1951, the Act included many additional payments; also, for the first time, Maryland came to be what is known as a nonscheduled State for Occupational Diseases. In 1965, the Serious Disability Section was added. This provides for a greater amount and rate of compensation for a workman who sustains a serious disability, as defined by the Law (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 101, secs. 21-36, 66).